

Care and Cleaning

Canopy® FS Awning Fabric is a translucent polyester reinforced PVC fabric that will provide many years of satisfactory service. It is waterproof, flame, mildew, stain and dirt resistant. The Fluoro-Shield surface treatment further enhances longevity and ease of maintenance. Canopy® FS is dimensionally stable. Properly fastened to the frame, it will retain its trim fit as well as its protective function and aesthetic value. Since no material is impervious to all hazards, proper maintenance is important if maximum life of the product is to be realized. The following maintenance suggestions are offered:

1. Keep clean. Occasional hosing with clear water will prevent dirt accumulation. Most dirt accumulation can be removed by mild soap, water and a soft scrub brush. Rinse thoroughly. In extreme cases, most dirt can be removed by applying half strength bleach and brushing softly to cover thoroughly the necessary area. Allow solution to remain for two or three minutes, then thoroughly rinse with clear water, protecting surrounding materials or plant growth that might be damaged by the bleach.
2. In areas particularly conducive to mildew, brush away any visible accumulation of dirt on underside. Mildew can grow on dirt, but does not grow on or attack the Canopy® FS vinyl.
3. Use care during installation, take down and transporting. Frictional heat, particularly at the folds, can damage the surface. Sufficient frictional heat can create holes.
4. Avoid excessive wind whip or flapping. Normally fastened sections or panels should be rolled or restrained when not in use.

Handling and Fabrication:

It is essential that your backlit awning material be handled with care. During fabrication you must avoid creasing and excess folding of this material. It is critical with Canopy® FS that creases and folds are prevented. Rolling fabric on tubes during the fabrication process can reduce creasing. Canopy® FS should never be left fan-folded for any extended period of time. Canopy® FS should always be rolled with the color side out. Make sure that your worktable is level with your sewing or heat-sealing equipment during fabrication. Canopy® FS should not ever be attached in the field unless it can be rolled onto cores without creasing for transport.

Please note: When creating overlap seams on Canopy® Plus you must use Canopy® Plus Heat Sealing Primer, unless you are heat sealing using the Triad Wedge Welder from Sinclair Equipment or the Wedge Welder from Miller Weldmaster (T-100). Always test weld to ensure proper temperature and speed settings.

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